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1. A meeting of thirty Communist Party members representing party followers in Peruvian textile labor unions was held in Lima on 27 April to discuss waning Communist power within the unions and methods of regaining influence.
2. It was charged that the only ones to gain from the last strike were the Apristas, who control the Federacion de Textiles. Because of this control, Apristas were the only ones who are granted a hearing by the Comision de Defensa del Sindicato in the case of complaints.
3. To remedy this situation it was felt that the Secretaria Sindical of the party should start a campaign based on the idea that the Communists are the true defenders of the working class, irrespective of party. Chances of success would be all the greater now that it was becoming obvious to all workers that Apra had sold out to the forces of imperialism.
4. Juan P. Luna, Secretario Sindical of the Communist Party, suggested that all claims ignored by the Comision de Defensa del Sindicato be brought to the attention of his office, which would then give full publicity to the contrast between the Aprista divisionists, who were betraying the workers, and the Communists, who defended their interests. He reminded his comrades, however, that much of their present weakness was their own fault, and that without a great improvement in party discipline and interest, the leaders could not be blamed for inaction.

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